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1865-1940
There wasn't any ceremony here Tuesday to denote the 75th anniversary of the Surrender on April 9, 1865 ending the War Between the States. Perhaps some ceremony, calling attention to PEACE in an era of WAR. However, unfortunately the voice of experience in a world of clashing passions puts exacting demands on the world seeks other lights to guide its faltering steps than the lantern of the past.

BUT we do want to point out that although it required a long time to get to the point of a walk through the bitter byways, Appomattox has COME BACK. From a war that was all Sherman said it was, through a Reconstruction that was a long journey, covered with every sacrifice, before roads, banks and business could serve the needs of the people. Worst, perhaps of all, was the fact that the LAND and the PEOPLE, the basic assets, had to recover... and the hard way! Had there not been a racial attack and sound character as a balance wheel, we hardly see how life could have endured. Firms that had been prosperous plantations became gullied areas. Timber, the railroad and dark tobacco had to carry the heavy load of supporting the people. What wonderful progress has been made in our own day! Last year alone the Town of Appomattox witnessed \$250,000 worth of public buildings go up! New homes dot the landscape. Our banks have near record deposits. Farm homes have been paid off. There is a truly amazing volume of retail purchasing power. The soil is becoming ALIVE again! Cullies repaired. Line put to do its salvaging duty... farm machinery can now be put to use... and the magic wire bearing electricity are strung over the country. Life is a "good thing" to the grafter. It is a failure to the fool.

REBUILDING from April 9, 1865. We could fill many pages with the appeals to the rulers of the world to see LEE and GRANT meeting at Appomattox to turn swords into plowshares, and what that message PEACE means to our age and time. BUT Mr. Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain don't take our paper! They are merely getting a lead on our chest.

What we can do, however, is to tell our own people here at Appomattox that they have DONE IT and have just cause for pride in the achievement. APPOMATTOX has brought since the eventful April 9, seventy-five years ago! The book of men go down, BUT the BEST are RISE AGAIN! The Character and Soul of people are their greatest asset. Let look with pride upon our PROGRESS and face the future with HOPE, HONOR and HUMILITY!

LEE AND LIQUOR

Virginia Methodist Advocate
Robert E. Lee, a recognized great general, was an advocate of total abstinence of all alcoholic drinks.

In reply to a letter from some of his students who were organizing a temperance society, he wrote, "My experience through life has convinced me, that while moderation and temperance in all things is commendable, total abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard of morals and health."

Writing to a son, who had just joined the army, he said, "I hope you will always be disciplined for the avoidance of the universal ban, whiskey, and every immorality. Nor need you fear to be ruled out of society that indulges in it, for you will require their esteem and respect as all virtuous. If they do not practice virtue, I am sorry to say there is a great probability for splits in the army and in the field. The great body may not carry it to extremes, but many pursue it to their ruin."

His attitude toward the use of liquor in the army was shown in his refusal to promote officers who drank too freely, giving as his reason: "I cannot consent to place in command of others ones who cannot control himself."

We Believe Only Part Of What We See In The Paper
Baltimore Sun

From Raleigh, N. C., comes a story that a man with a long black beard and a kindly face was seen walking the street dropping nickels in parking meters where people had left their cars over night. "I just hate to see people get tickets," the stranger told in inquiring reporter, refusing to give his name.

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Hixburg News
Events Reported

By HAROLD L. LYNCHBURG
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